

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of automatic execution of an application on a receiving station ~~(109)~~, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal ~~(102)~~ comprising a plurality of streams, each stream being associated with a channel on the receiving station ~~(109)~~ and comprising a content portion ~~(103, 104, 105)~~ and zero or more application portions ~~(106, 107, 108)~~; i

receiving a channel selection from a user; i

displaying the content portion ~~(103, 104, 105)~~ of the stream associated with the selected channel; i and

when execution of applications is enabled, executing an application present in the application portion ~~(106, 107, 108)~~, if any, of the stream associated with the selected channel,

characterized in that the method further comprises the steps of:

disabling execution of the application of the stream associated with the channel ~~is disabled~~ in response to the user selecting the channel; i and

enabling execution of the application of the stream associated with the channel ~~is enabled~~ in response to the occurrence of an enabling event, indicating that the user is actively viewing the selected channel.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a timer is reset in response to any user interaction with the receiving station ~~(109)~~, and the enabling event comprises the timer reaching a predetermined timeout value.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the enabling event comprises the erasing of an on-screen display element ~~(202, 203, 204)~~ from a display system ~~(200)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the on-screen display element ~~(202, 203, 204)~~ is an identifier ~~(202)~~ for the current channel.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the on-screen display element ~~(202, 203, 204)~~ is the last of a plurality of on-screen display elements being displayed.

6. (Currently Amended) A receiving station ~~(109)~~, comprising:  
a receiving unit ~~(205)~~ for receiving a signal ~~(102)~~  
comprising a plurality of streams, each stream being associated  
with a channel on the receiving station ~~(109)~~ and comprising a  
content portion ~~(103, 104, 105)~~ and zero or more application  
portions ~~(106, 107, 108)~~;

a selection unit ~~(206)~~ for receiving a channel selection from a user~~71~~

a display control unit ~~(207)~~ for displaying the content portion ~~(103, 104, 105)~~ of the stream associated with the selected channel~~7~~ and

an execution unit ~~(208)~~ for determining if execution of applications is enabled, and if so, executing an application present in the application portion ~~(106, 107, 108)~~, if any, of the stream associated with the selected channel, characterized in that

the execution unit ~~(208)~~ is arranged to ~~disable~~ disables execution of the application of the stream associated with the channel in response to the user selecting the channel, and

the execution unit ~~(208)~~ is arranged to ~~enable~~ enables execution of the application of the stream associated with the channel in response to the occurrence of an enabling event~~7~~ indicating that the user is actively viewing the selected channel.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ receiving station ~~(109)~~ as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the receiving station ~~(109)~~ further comprises a timer ~~(209)~~, arranged to be reset in response to any user interaction with the receiving station ~~(109)~~, and the enabling event comprises the timer ~~(209)~~ reaching a predetermined timeout value.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ receiving station ~~(109)~~ as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the receiving station ~~(109)~~ further comprises an on-screen display unit ~~(201)~~, and the enabling event comprises the on-screen display unit ~~(201)~~ erasing an on-screen display element ~~(202, 203, 204)~~ from a display system ~~(200)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ receiving station ~~(109)~~ as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the on-screen display element ~~(202, 203, 204)~~ is an identifier for the current channel ~~(202)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ receiving station ~~(109)~~ as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the on-screen display element ~~(202, 203, 204)~~ is the last of a plurality of on-screen display elements being displayed by the on-screen display unit ~~(201)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising the steps of:  
receiving a signal at a receiving station, the signal comprising a plurality of streams, a plurality of the streams each being associated with a different respective channel of the receiving station, one or more streams comprising respective content portions and one or more streams comprising a respective application portions;  
receiving user input of a channel selection;

displaying the content portion, if any, of the stream  
10 | associated with the selected channel, ~~and~~ and  
depending on a period of time without user input following  
the channel selection, executing an application present in the  
application portion, if any, of the stream associated with the  
selected channel.

12. (Currently Amended) A receiving station, comprising  
a receiving unit for receiving a signal comprising a  
plurality of streams, a plurality of streams each being associated  
with a channel of the receiving station, one of more of the streams  
5 each comprising a different respective content portion, one or more  
of the streams each comprising a different respective application  
portion;  
a selection unit for receiving user input including a  
channel selection;  
10 a display control unit for displaying the content portion  
of the stream, if any, associated with the selected channel, ~~and~~ and  
an execution unit for executing an application present in  
the application portion, if any, of the stream associated with the  
selected channel, depending on a period of time without user input  
15 following the channel selection.

13. (Currently Amended) The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein execution of all applications is disabled in response to  
the user selecting the channel.

14. (Currently Amended) The receiving station ~~of~~ as claimed in  
claim 6, wherein the execution unit ~~is arranged to disabled~~ disables  
execution of all applications in response to the user selecting the  
channel.